

Samuel Russell House
350 High Street
Middletown, Middlesex County
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SAMUEL RUSSELL HOUSE
350 High Street, Middletown
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Owner: Wesleyan University

Date of erection: c. 1828

Present condition: Good

Architect: David Hoadley

Description:

Brownstone. The portico of Greek Corinthian columns is said to have been intended for the Eagle Bank at New Haven, which was never finished. The house is perhaps the most perfect temple-form dwelling in this country and is notable for its excellent proportions and fine detail.

Additional data:

Russell was a wealthy merchant who traded with China and the East Indies. The property was presented by the Russells to Wesleyan University in 1936.

Reference: Connecticut Guide, p. 206

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